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blessing. Rebecca said to Jacob, I am afraid your brother Esau intends to kill you; therefore, my son, go to your uncle Laban, and stay with him a few days, till your brother's anger is blown over. Laban had two daughters. Leah, the eldest, was very plain, but Rachael, the youngest, was very handsome. Jacob fell in love with Rachael, and asked Laban to give her to him in marriage: who said to him, I will give you my daughter Rachael, if you will be my servant for seven years. Jacob consented to it, and he loved Rachael so well, that seven years appeared to him but as so many days. At the end of this time he thought he had married Rachael: but Laban deceived him, and put his daughter Leah into the bed. As Jacob went without a candle, he did not perceive that his father-in-law had cheated him; but in the morning, when it was day-light, he was sorely vexed. Laban said to him, It is not customary in this country to marry the youngest

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youngest before the eldest; but if you will serve me seven years longer, in a week's time I will give you Rachael. Jacob consented to it; and at the end of that time Laban desired he would continue with him longer, and promised him a great reward. But he only sought to deceive him; yet that did not hinder Jacob from becoming very rich. He did not love his wife Leah: so God had compassion on her. He gave her a great number of children, and Rachael had not any. At length, however, she had one son, who was named Joseph. At this Jacob left his father-in-law, Laban, and returned to his own country. But before he was arrived there, he was informed that his brother Esau was coming with a great number of armed men to meet him. He was sadly frightened, but God sent an angel to encourage him: and Jacob made presents to his brother to appease his anger.

*Mademoiselle.* Come, Miss Julia, tell us your history.

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